

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JULY 6, 2004

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFANT MORTALITY

On April 13, 2004, the Board approved my motion, directing the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to convene a working group of Public Health Staff and community agencies to address the alarming rate of infant mortality among African-Americans in the Antelope Valley. The working group was to undertake a review of the infant deaths, assess resources available to improve prenatal care, and develop and provide recommendations to the Board within 60 days.

The Department worked with an extensive group of community agencies and submitted a comprehensive report with recommendations for actions. The report described specific actions which could be taken within existing resources and those for which grant funds would be sought.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors accept the Department of Health Services' June 2004 report, *Infant Mortality Among African-Americans in the Antelope Valley*, and direct the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to proceed with implementation within existing resources as recommended in the report and to seek grant funding for activities for which existing resources are not available, and to provide an implementation progress report within 60 days.

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